

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/KR 2004/000892

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: H01M 8/04, 8/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 2004/0058223 A1 (SHIBATA et al.) 25 March 2004 (25.03.2004) <i>claim 1, abstract, figure 1.</i>	1-12
A	US 2001/0036567 A1 (GYOTEN et al.) 1 November 2001 (01.11.2001) <i>claims 1 and 7, abstract, figure 1.</i>	1-12
A	JP 2003 123786 A (INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER) 25 April 2003 (25.04.2003) <i>Patent abstract of Japan.</i>	1-12

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A	JP 2003 151570 A (JAPAN STORAGE BATTERY CO. LTD.) 23 May 2003 (23.05.2003) <i>Patent abstract of Japan.</i> --	1-12
A	JP 2003 045452 A (TOYOTA MOTOR CORP.) 14 February 2003 (14.02.2003) <i>Patent abstract of Japan.</i> --	1-12
A	JP 2002 025579 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND. CO. LTD.) 25 January 2002 (25.01.2002) <i>Patent abstract of Japan.</i> ----	1-12

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JP	A	20030454 52A2		none	
JP	A	20031237 86A2		none	
JP	A	20031515 70A2		none	
US	A	20010036 567		none	
US	A	20040058 223		none	

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference AZ03-377WODA	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See item 4 below
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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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- ☐ Cont. No. IV Lack of unity of invention
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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-12	YES
	Claims ----	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Novelty:

The cited literature shows fuel cells with anode- and cathode side separators . There could not be found a fuel cell comprising electrolyte, anode and cathode, an anode side separator and a cathode side separator, and a medium layer between the cathode and the cathode side separator for prevention of corrosion of the cathode side separator. So the subject-matters of the present application appear to be new, since they are not totally described in the cited literature.

Inventive step:

The resulting advantageous effects of the fuel cell comprising electrolyte, anode and cathode, an anode side separator and a cathode side separator, and a medium layer between the cathode and the cathode side separator for prevention of corrosion of the cathode side separator, as claimed could not be foreseen, therefore the subject matters claimed meet the requirements of inventiveness.

Industrial applicability:

The industrial applicability of the fuel cell of the present application is self-evident.

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